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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GUTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at AMOY. Mr F. F. EZZELL will Act as our AGENT at that Port.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877. j22

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DUNNE, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai. Hongkong, April 16, 1877. j118

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Office, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. se18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 18th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,

Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th May, 1877, at Noon, At the Premises lately occupied by Messrs BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co. THE GOOD-WILL of the Business of the late firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

Terms.—Cash Only! On fall of the hammer in Bank Notes or Cheque. Hongkong, May 25, 1877. my30

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th day of May, 1877, at Noon, on Board,—

The Hulk "CHASE" lately used as the Gunpowder Depot, as she now lies in this Harbour, off STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND, with ONE ANCHOR and CHAIN.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer; and the Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 17, 1877. my30

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.—

The well-known Tavern called the "STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's Road West, No. 200, with FURNITURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 23, 1877. jell

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche.

JOHN DUNN & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

STANLEY & KENTON'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOULTON & Co.'s COGNAC, 1.2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNAC.

JUSTUS LEMBEKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. j19

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBA"

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872, by Messrs DOBBIE & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general repairs in 1876, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 6 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Aft Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 84 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Aft Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Beesmer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WHEEL.—One Steam Wheel with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 9 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and Tubular Boiler. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Pate & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to MORRIS & RAY, Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received an Invoice of

COPE, BROTHERS & Co.'s TOBACCOES and CIGARETTES.

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD.

COPE'S BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.

COPE'S SMOKING MIXTURE.

COPE'S PEELESS CIGARETTES.

COPE'S BOUQUET CIGARETTES.

COPE'S FAIRY CIGARETTES.

COPE'S FANCY BRILLIANTS.

COPE'S WHIFFS.

Hongkong, May 25, 1877. j22

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

PERINET & FILS CHAMPAGNE, IN QUARTS and PINTS.

AMOROSO, VINO DE PASTO, SHERRY.

WIELER & Co.

Hongkong, May 22, 1877. my29

APOLLINARIS

NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

A POLLINARIS WATER.—"It is, in our opinion, superior for table purposes to any other mineral water with which we are acquainted. It is strongly effervescent, and forms an exceedingly pleasant and refreshing beverage, either alone or in combination with wine; and it is not, as we are informed by an eminent medical friend, liable to that charge which has been so frequently brought against soda and other waters—that they have a depressing effect upon the system. On the contrary, medical testimony is unanimous in favour of the high therapeutic qualities of Apollinaris Water."—Civil Service Review.

APOLLINARIS WATER IS CERTAINLY THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATER. It is softer and more refreshing than its only rival Seltzer Water (Nassau Seltzer Brunnens), and is more pleasant to the palate. Over all manufactured Aerated Waters it has an incomparable superiority.

"APOLLINARIS WATER is, moreover, a water of great organic purity, another highly important desideratum, in which artificial Aerated Waters often dangerously fail. Its place seems, therefore, marked as the favoured beverage of the favoured classes who can select their drinking water. Physicians will find it a valuable addition to their resources as a cool and refreshing drink, antacid, and useful in promoting digestion and gastric irritation. Such a water is the sworn enemy of gout, rheumatism, and their congeners."—London Medical Record.

APOLLINARIS WATER.—Dr. HERMANN WEBER, F.R.C.P., writes:—"Having largely used it during the last seven years, I have found it of great value as an article of diet in gouty dispositions, in little acid diathesis, in tendency to gallstones, in some forms of catarrh of the bladder, and in chronic catarrh of the respiratory organs; in the latter, either heated by itself or mixed with hot milk or whey. To many persons the Apollinaris forms an agreeable and useful addition to bitter waters, and a good vehicle for some medicines."—Brit. Med. Jour.

PRICES.

CASE OF 50 QUARTS (STONE BOTTLES) \$10
" 50 PINTS " " " 8
CASES, 8 DOZ. SODAWATER BOTTLES \$15

N.B.—Stone Quarts 3 Sodawater Bottles.

" Pint = 1 1/2 " "

\$2 Allowed for the Sodawater Bottles, if Returned.

GEO. SMITH & Co.,

Agents for China and Japan.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents in Hongkong.

May 9, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be Held at the VICTORIA RECREATION Club House on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

B. E. WODEHOUSE,

Hon. Sec., F. R. C.

Hongkong, May 24, 1877. my31

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company at HONGKONG and FOOSHAN, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, Payable either here, in London, in Liverpool, or at the principal Ports of India and the East.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1877. an22

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 28th of May, Dr. STOUT'S Consulting and Operating ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Under-signed with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877. an1

THE CURRENCY MEMORIAL

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POPE HENNESSY,

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

IN Brief, the Memorial draws attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Currency, and requests that no Legislation may be made which would jeopardise or postpone the advent of a clean, undebased British Dollar for Hongkong, which it is understood that every one in the Colony, Native as well as Foreign (the Straits alone excepted) earnestly desires.

The original Memorial, to which have been attached the Signatures of over 150 Bankers, Merchants, Professional Men, Engineers, Manufacturers, Traders, and others, lies at the Office of Messrs SHARP & Co., Bank Buildings, where Printed Copies may be obtained.

Copies also lie for Signature at several of the Banks, Clubs, Stores, and Hotels.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT and ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM

TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON,

1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND, £340,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. MOIVER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE,

Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and Issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. MOIVER,

Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. an17

PIANO TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN, PRACTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now Prepared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMONIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during his short stay.

Orders left in care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or Messrs CHAN, J. GAUFF & Co., will meet with prompt attention.

Hongkong, May 24, 1877. j26

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TANAI,"

Captain REYNOLDS, will be

dispatched for YOKOHAMA

shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"AMAZON,"

For Sale.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tübingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Armhold, Karberg & Co.
ROSETTA, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
TULLOCHGORM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.
HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R. Greig.—F. & O. S. N. Co.
VESTA, German barque, Captain R. Dirks.—Melcher & Co.
HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.
TAWSEBURY L. SWEAT, American barque, Captain Wm. Griffin.—Meyer & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA, HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.
The Steamship "ELGIN,"
Captain MILLAR, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. my29

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.
The Steamship "TAIWAN,"
Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. my29

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship "YESSO,"
Capt. S. ALEXON, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. my30

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having been Appointed SOLE AGENTS in HONGKONG for the well-known Firm of Messrs M. B. FOSTER & SONS, (CHIEF AGENTS in ENGLAND for Messrs BASS & Co.) are prepared to Supply ALE and STOUT of their Bottling at 98 per Case of 3 doz. quarts, and \$10.50 per Case of 6 doz. pints.
The Superior Quality of this BEER is undoubted, and L. C. & Co. confidently recommend it.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je28

JUST RECEIVED.

A Invoice of the well-known BRAND CLARET PAUL DUBOIS & Co., from Bordeaux.

After Dinner Claret Chateau Lafite, \$13.50 per case.
After Dinner Claret Chateau Laroche, \$12.50 "
Hermitage Cordon, \$15.00 "
A good Breakfast Claret, \$3.00 per doz.
Champagne Bouteille St. mon, "dry," \$14.00 "

A complete assortment of Gentlemen's SHOES and BOOTS, from \$3.75 to \$5.50.
O. L. THEVENIN.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je4

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO.

ON and after the 1st of June next and until further notice A WORD RATE will be adopted on the Correspondence between HONGKONG and all places in CHINA and JAPAN, thus only making the number of words actually sent chargeable.

The following rates will be charged:
CHINA.—To Amoy, 30 cents per word. To Shanghai, 40 "

JAPAN.—Nagasaki and other places, 80 "

For Telegrams to JAPAN BEYOND NAGASAKI should be added the rates of transmission on the Japanese Government lines, viz:—
All places except Hakodati, first 20 words \$2.00, every additional 10 words \$1.00.
Hakodati, first 20 words \$4.00, every additional 10 words \$2.00.

Words containing more than 10 letters will be charged as two words.
Rates of Advertisements will follow.

A. SUENSON,
Superintendent.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th May, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., THE BALANCE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE of the late Firm of Messrs BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co., comprising: Russian Rope, Seining Stuff, Spungum, White and Tanned Lines, Galvanized Wire Rope, Manila Rope, Galvanized and Iron Chain assorted sizes, Hubbrook's Patent Oil and Assorted Paints, Canvas, Raven Duck, Patent and Ordinary Brushes, Hollow-ware, Hardware, Paint Brushes, Bunting, Ensigns, Dock-lights, Patent Logs, Mast-hooks, Tallow, White Beans, and a variety of other Goods.
Terms.—Cash on delivery in Bank Notes.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. my30

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR YOKOHAMA.
The 41 British Bark "GLAMIS,"
JOHN KEY, Master, will leave this as above on FRIDAY, the 1st Proximo.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je1

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 27, Norna, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow May 26, General.
May 27, China, from Canton.
May 28, Deucalion, British steamer, 1839, R. J. Brown, Shanghai May 18, and Foochow May 26, Tea.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
May 28, Dauphine, French ship, 727, Delcomens, Newcastle (N.S.W.) March 29, Coal.—Cable.
May 28, H.M.S. Magpie, from Macao.
May 28, Moorhen, British gunboat, 420, John Hope, Singapore and Manila May 24.
May 28, Sun-kee, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

May 27, Amoy, for Canton.
27, Montgomeryshire, for Saigon.
28, Alphington, for Tournon.
28, Villa de Rivadavia, for Manila.
28, Esmeralda, for Manila.
28, Oceanic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
28, China, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Flintshire, for Saigon.
Benarty, for Foochow.
Ceres, for Quinhon.
Deucalion, for London, &c.

PASSENGERS.

Per Norna, from Swatow, 200 Chinese.
Per Deucalion, from Foochow, 1 Chinese.
Per Dauphine, from Newcastle (N.S.W.), 4 shipwrecked women.

DEPARTED.

Per Montgomeryshire, for Saigon, 80 Chinese.
Per Esmeralda, for Manila, 3 Europeans and 100 Chinese.
Per Oceanic, for San Francisco, &c., 881 Chinese.
Per China, for Shanghai, 34 Chinese.
To DEPART.
Per Benarty, for Foochow, 3 Chinese.
Per Ceres, for Quinhon, 6 Chinese.
Per Deucalion, for Straits, 1 Cabin, 33 Military Invalids, and 154 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Norna reports: Light N.E. winds and fine weather.
The British steamer Deucalion reports: Left Shanghai May 18th and had fine weather and light winds to Foochow. Arriving there on the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd rain, since then fine weather with N.E. wind. Left Foochow May 26th.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA, HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.
Per ELGIN, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 29th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.
Per TAIWAN, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 29th inst.

For SAIGON.
Per OYPHERNES, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 1st June.

For BANGKOK.
Per DANUBE, at 6 p.m., on Friday, the 1st June.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet GWALIOR will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd June.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 1st June.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 2nd June.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Box of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Box of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je2

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet A V A, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 3rd June, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Aden.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, June 1st.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, June 2nd.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Box of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.50 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je3

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 30:—

11 a.m.—Sale of Balance of Stock-in-Trade of Messrs Broadbear, Anthony & Co.
Noon.—Sale of Bulk Chass, &c., on board, off Stone Cutters' Island.
Noon.—Sale of Goodwill of the late firm of Broadbear, Anthony & Co.
Noon.—Yess leaves for Coast Forts.

THURSDAY, May 31:—
5 p.m.—Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club at the Club House.

FRIDAY, June 1:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
Glamis leaves for Yokohama.

SATURDAY, June 2:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Goods per Elgin undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, June 9:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, June 11:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern."

FRIDAY, June 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

3 p.m.—Elgin leaves for Yokohama, Hioho and Nagasaki.
4 p.m.—Taiwan leaves for Amoy, Taiwan and Tamsui.

THE

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

OF
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.45 p.m.

BIRTHS.

At Shanghai, on May 20th, 1877, the Wife of WILLIAM HENRY CARTER, Esq., of a Son.
On the 20th May, at 8, Fochow Road, Shanghai, the Wife of M. M. KUHN, late of Yokohama, of a Daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 28, 1877.

It seems to us that the currency question comes to this—whether or not the foreign community shall make a concession to the Chinese that will entail considerable inconvenience upon the former, and support the latter in a practice that is at once barbarous and comparatively useless. In the course of another generation the Chinese will themselves, we venture to think, be ashamed to confess that in 1877 coins were systematically defaced and mutilated by their countrymen. The uselessness of the practice is demonstrated most conclusively by the facts alone that no other nation finds it necessary to mutilate its coinage, and that within such a comparatively short distance as Shanghai no chopping what-ever takes place, the coins there being merely marked with ink. Although we sorely admire the high-handed manner in which "Anti-Bumpions" chose to deal with the letter of "A Chinaman" yet no doubt he hits the right nail on the head, in one sense, when he says that the grievance is not on the side of the Chinese, but on the side of the foreigners, and that the former have the remedy in their own hands. It is a grievance to foreigners, because, although the practice is entirely a Chinese one, yet it necessitates considerable trouble and expense to the foreign firms. "Anti-Bumpions," however, rather begs the question. The cessation of chopping would undoubtedly do away with the grievance, and were Hongkong only concerned that remedy might be very easily applied. But the evil arises on the mainland, where the Hongkong Government is powerless. We can refuse to accept the chopped dollars, but we cannot prevent the chopping. There is no doubt that the refusal to accept the chopped dollars at all here would ultimately put an end to this wretched practice, for the demand for goods on the mainland must be as imperative as the supply, and we very much question if the foreign merchant here would not be in a far better position to insist upon his conditions in such a matter as this than the "middle-man," or native merchant, to refuse them. The point is then reduced to this—are the Chinese to accommodate themselves to the requirements of foreigners, so far as the giving up of a barbarous and useless practice is concerned, or falling that to stand by the present arrangement, or are foreigners to accommodate themselves to the Chinese and consent to the virtual adoption of a chopped dollar coinage. It must be recollected that the Chinese

themselves do not by any means regard the practice of chopping as a useless one. They believe it is a necessary operation and, anyway, they will continue it until they are made to feel it is a disadvantage than otherwise. The Chinese require that their monetary transactions may be conducted on a weight basis; foreigners demand a clean currency. Foreigners in China have to submit to a great deal that is bad and indefensible at the hands of the Chinese, and are they going to submit in this instance? Some of the Foreign firms here have no doubt a great many private interests to consider in the matter; but whatever may be the upshot of the present agitation, we feel perfectly well assured that the Government will never take any steps to compel any merchant here to accept a coinage from the Chinese that the latter have deliberately and systematically mutilated. As to the statement that the chopping of dollars inflicts a hardship on the "middle-man," we refuse to believe anything of the kind. If the "middle-man" can only get so much for chopped dollars, we have sufficient confidence in the business qualities of a Chinaman to believe that he will carry on his transactions on such a basis or in such a manner as to leave a decent margin of profit for himself. The competition in the trade cannot affect the matter. To say that the "middle-men" cannot cover any of the discount they have to lose on the broken silver is equivalent to saying that they have no power whatever over the price of their goods. We do not see why a "middle-man" should not be able to raise the price of his goods to cover any discount on broken silver, as well as he can raise the price when he has to pay more for the goods, through a scarcity in the supply or some similar cause. His confreres have all to receive broken silver, and contend with the same difficulties as himself, and if one of them is able to sell his goods at a certain price and clear a reasonable profit, the other ought to be in a position to do likewise, so far as the discount on the broken silver is concerned. A Commission of Enquiry into the matter will, no doubt, entail considerable trouble, and will probably add nothing to the knowledge on this question of most of the business men in the place. On the other hand, His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor can only have a theoretical knowledge at the most of the matter, and to him the labours of the Commission might prove exceedingly valuable. Certainly no harm could result from the Commission, while it might be of considerable service to the chief Authority in the Colony who will have to deal with the question, if we are to have any further action at all in regard to it.

At the Marine Court, on Saturday, Ho Ayan, master of the licensed steam-launch *Blanche*, was summoned at the instance of P. O. Grant, for a breach of the Passengers Act of 1875. According to the Constable's statement he had counted 78 passengers landed from the launch at Yow-mah-tee wharf on the 24th inst., while the boat was only licensed to carry 63. Every precaution was taken to guard against any mistakes being made by him with regard to the number of passengers.—The defendant said it was quite a mistake; other persons had come on board at Yow-mah-tee and left again who were not passengers.—The Harbour Master was satisfied that the constable's statement was correct, and fined the defendant \$10, or 20 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening at 8.30 p.m.:—

March and Fanfare,.....Buckhardt.
Overture,.....Stabat Mater,.....Meredante.
Potpourri,.....Giovanna D'Arco,.....Verdi.
Valse,.....Juristen Ball Tunes,.....Strauss.
Selection,.....Norma,.....Bellini.
Gallant Militaire, Gallant & Gay,.....Carroll.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending May 28th, 1877:—

Thursday, May 17th, 45
Friday, 18th, 30
Saturday, 19th, 31
Sunday, 20th, 57
Monday, 21st, 41
Tuesday, 22nd, 20
Wednesday, 23rd, 22

Totals, 246
Grand total, 1,176.

HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.

The following Report has been issued by the Committee of the above Institution:—

The "Committee of the Hongkong Temperance Hall have to lay before the Subscribers a Statement of Accounts for the period ending 30th April, 1877. The amount of Subscriptions and Donations received is \$1,086.81. The sum of \$868.45 has been expended in Furniture, and \$200 on a Pianoforte. Nearly 20%, or say \$168.45, has been written off for depreciation of the general furniture, and the account now stands at \$900. The sum of \$286.10 has been expended in special expenses, which include sundry repairs, carpentering, gas-fitting, &c., and gratuities to the present Manager in lieu of any fixed pay. Of this sum the Committee have written off \$153.06. The Working Account shows a profit of \$146.61. Profit and Loss Account shows a debit in consequence of the sums written off Furniture and Special Expenses exceeding the profit on the Working Account. The Committee feel generally satisfied with the result of the first year's experiment, and hope for active co-operation on the part of all who are able to give it: the Hall is evidently much appreciated by those who frequent it. The Entertainments have, as a rule, been well attended, and the Committee desire to express their hearty thanks to those who have taken part in them, and to invite all who are willing to do so to assist. The Committee would mention that donations of Books, Magazines, and Papers for the Reading Room will be very acceptable. They desire to express their thanks to the proprietors of the *Daily Press* and *China Mail* for papers supplied free. The Committee feel confident that they may make a further appeal to the liberality of the Community in support of the institution.

Though it would have been more satisfactory to the well-wishers of the Hall if some idea of its working had been given, it is gratifying to observe that the "Committee feel generally satisfied with the result of the first year's experiment." The Temperance Hall is now a public institution in the sense that its existence depends in a measure upon public support. It has done tangible good for the sailor, and there is no doubt but that the Committee will be sustained in their good work. The Committee consists of Messrs Thomas Algar, H. E. Braddon, W. Wilson, D. R. Crawford (hon. secretary), and Herbert Cope (hon. treasurer).

Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)
May 28, 1877.

A THIEF'S MAN.
Choi Ah-see, a seaman, was brought up for having returned to the Colony in breach of his conditional pardon. The prisoner was arrested by Chinese Constable No. 890 in a junk at Yowmah-tee. He was convicted in December 1869 of conspiracy in connection with the Showkwan Murder case, and was sentenced to 5 years' penal servitude. Having served three years he was pardoned on condition of his not returning to the Colony again for the rest of his life. The prisoner stated that since he was pardoned, he had been earning an honest livelihood, by being

employed on board a junk. The captain had occasion to take his vessel here in order to take cargo, and he was therefore obliged to come with his ship. The vessel had now left for Macao. The Magistrate consideredly discharged him, but ordered him to be sent to Macao by to-day's steamer, and warned him that if ever he should be found here again, such a defence would not avail him.

A PICK-POCKET.
Wong Achi, a coolie, was charged by Ohoy Ah-long, also a coolie, with picking his pocket and stealing therefrom \$1, while he was buying some edibles from a hawk. The defendant was sent to three months' hard labour.

FEROUS DOGS.
Mrs Anna P. Seabra, residing in Old Bailey Street, was summoned for having kept a ferocious dog. The complainant Lam Atsoi stated that he was servant in the China Dispensary. He was sent by his master with a letter to Mr Thomas Ide Bowler. He was told to wait for an answer, and while he was doing so, a large white dog flew at him and bit him on the leg, tearing his trousers also.—Mr Bowler likewise spoke against the dog in question. It had attacked him on three occasions and he had complained to the defendant who promised to send it away.—The defendant promised the Magistrate that she would send the dog away, and as this had been done since adjournment, she was only fined \$1 and ordered to pay \$1½ amounts to the complainant.

CUTTING TREES.
Wong Anui, a widow, was charged with cutting branches of shrubs on the hill in Pokfulam Road. Fined \$2, and \$1 of which was awarded to the apprehending Constable.

GAMBLING.
Chan Afuk, a coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for gambling in the street. He was identified as having been once before convicted of a similar offence.

LARGELY.
Lew Asam, servant to Capt. Davis H. M. 28th Regiment, was charged with stealing \$6 from Lieut. Farmer, of the same Regiment. The complainant, Lieut. C. H. Farmer, stated that he had his quarters in the Murray Barracks, next to the room occupied by Capt. Davis. His servant who had charge of his things and money informed him of a robbery by the defendant and he had him arrested. The complainant's servant, Lal Ahing, stated that on the morning of the 28th he went with his master to the mess. On returning to the quarters at 9.30 a.m. he observed the defendant and came out of Lieut. Farmer's room, and asked him what he wanted. The defendant replied that he wanted to get his master's clothes aired. The complainant suspected nothing and the defendant then went into Captain Davis' room and took out some clothes to air in the verandah. Witness then examined the drawer which he had only closed and not locked, and discovered that \$6 in one \$5 note and one \$1 note were lost. He had suspicion of the defendant, but as he had no direct proof he did not say anything to his master. The next day having learnt that the defendant had been spending money rather freely and had exchanged one \$5 note at a cook-shop, he told Lieut. Farmer of the affair. Lieut. Farmer communicated with Captain Davis and had the defendant brought before him. The defendant denied, however, at first what he had said to the witness regarding the \$5 note: he had changed. But when the question was pressed, he admitted that he had done so, but that he got the note from a man named Ahee. Witness asked him to point the man out, and promised him that if he could establish his story, the witness would give him \$5 as compensation for the shame-facedness which he had been subjected to by the suspicion. The defendant agreed to do this and took him to Vanchan. On the way, he said to witness that it was not Ahee who gave him the note but that a man named Apo did. He accompanied him to look for Apo, but the inmates of the two houses he guided to denied that they knew anything of Apo. Ho Apo, servant to Mr Lindsell, H. M. 28th Regiment, stated that he went to the Koshing Theatre with the defendant at his invitation. Then they went to a cook shop to have some refreshments, and it was here the defendant exchanged a \$5 note.—The account of the cook shop corroborated this statement. The defendant then urged that the \$5 note he got was money repaid him by a man named Apo on account of a loan. He could not find Apo now.—Sir months' hard labour, the Magistrate remarking that he must visit dishonest servants with severe punishment, as an employer can well protect himself from outside thieves but not from dishonest servants.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Chu Afook was again brought up for having in his possession a number of Police clothing stolen from the Hungshom Station. Inspector Cameron reported that from the enquiries made, he did not think that the defendant had knowledge of the articles being in his house. Discharged.

BUYING A GIRL.
Wong Ahn and Chun Ah, married women, were brought up for the above offence. The complainant, P. O. No. 222, stated that he saw the 2nd defendant hawk about a female child aged four years, and when she was questioned, she said the child was given her to sell by the 1st defendant. He had both arrested. The 2nd defendant said that the child was sent down to her from Canton for sale. Remanded till the 28th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"ALAS, POOR YORICK!"
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 28th May, 1877.
Sir,—Old residents reading the letters of the London Correspondent of your contemporary, cannot help remarking the revival of his old spirit of "bobbyism." Whenever he sees a chance of going in for old "Sirs," the ex-editor, in his new character of "London Correspondent," is unsparing with his pen, bringing in the dead and the living alike for his broadsides. But to his last letter.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 28th MAY, 1877.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Paddar's Wharf.
6. From Paddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Section.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Bonarty	4 c	Potter	Brit. str.	1120	May 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow	To-day
China	5 c	Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	May 2	Siemssen & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-day
Cyphrenes	6 h	Wood	Brit. str.	1279	May 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Bangkok	
Danube	2 h	Clanchy	Brit. str.	561	May 21	Yuen Fat Hong	London, &c.	at daylight
Deucalion	5 c	Brown	Brit. str.	1639	May 28	Butterfield & Swire		
Duna	3 h	Steele	Brit. str.	852	May 23	Himan & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Elgin	5 c	Miller	Brit. str.	900	May 25	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	To-day
Emeralda	6 h	Theband	Brit. str.	396	May 26	A. McG. Heston	Saigon	at daylight
Flintshire	4 c	Thomas	Brit. str.	1243	May 21	A. McG. Heston		
Gadsbill	4 c	Ranton	Brit. str.	1240	May 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow	
Norna	2 h	Walker	Brit. str.	608	May 27	Kwok Acheong	Foochow	K'loong Dock
Ocean	...	Jaques	Brit. str.	971	May 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yama & San Francisco	To-day
Oceanic	3 h	Parrell	Brit. str.	3707	May 18	O. & S. S. Co.	Amoy and Tamsui	
Taiwan	5 h	Young	Brit. str.	408	May 23	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Yokohama	Malle
Tanais	5 c	Reynier	Foh. str.	1735	May 22	Messageries Maritimes	Coast Ports	30th, noon
Yesso	5 h	Ashton	Brit. str.	659	May 26	Douglas Laprak & Co.		Repairing
Yottang	2 h	...	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong		
Sailing Vessels								
Adela	4 c	Beattie	Brit. bqe.	354	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	New York	
Albert Russell	3 c	Carver	Amer. bqe.	762	April 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Foochow	
Anna	4 k	Jessen	Ger. bqe.	447	May 17	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Auguste	4 h	Thomsen	Brit. Sm. sc.	210	May 17	Meyer & Co.		
Canaan	8 c	Manson	Brit. sh.	840	May 21	Order		Wanchai Pier
Capilla	1 c	Andersen	Swed. bqe.	307	May 25	Order		
Cardioka	8 h	Carr	Brit. bqe.	916	May 10	Meyer & Co.		
Caura	4 k	Thiemen	Ger. bqe.	689	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Quinhon	To-day
Ceres	1 k	Specht	Ger. bqe.	420	May 6	Wieler & Co.		
Chamron Kamryo	2 h	Moller	Siam. bqe.	430	May 25	Kin-tye-loong		
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Siam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chinaman	4 c	McKenzie	Brit. bqe.	690	May 21	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
E. von Beaulieu	4 c	Schneider	Ger. bqe.	335	May 20	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Ellen Rickmers	4 c	Weydemann	Brit. bqe.	307	April 28	Melchers & Co.	New York	
Fifehire	8 c	Ness	Brit. sh.	750	May 24	Order		
Fleetwing	8 c	Gusat	Amer. sh.	629	May 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Gaston Auger	8 c	Gaillard	Fr. Sm. sc.	301	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Foochow	
Glamis	7 c	Key	Brit. bqe.	1150	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Gryfe	8 c	Roberts	Brit. sh.	1068	May 24	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Hannah & Mary	8 c	Smith	Brit. bqe.	836	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hannah Law	...	Greig	Brit. sh.	1299	April 28	F. & O. S. N. Co.		K'loong Dock
Holona	8 c	Snow	Amer. bqe.	603	May 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Hieronymus	4 k	Stiel	Ger. bqe.	425	May 24	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Highlander	3 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	May 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Hongkong	3 h	Oom	Ger. Sm. sc.	208	May 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Hope	3 k	Boulton	Brit. bqe.	454	May 23	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Hydra	4 c	Deat	Ger. bqe.	785	Mar. 27	Siemssen & Co.	Callao	
Iraza	4 k	Pearce	Brit. bqe.	327	May 25	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Iris	4 h	Ritter	Ger. bqe.	506	May 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Jacatra	4 k	Dirksen	Dut. bg.	337	May 25	Russell & Co.		
Japan	4 k	Walker	Ger. Sm. sc.	270	May 25	Siemssen & Co.		
Lalla Rookh	3 h	Hender	Brit. bqe.	814	April 20	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Leicester	8 c	Gaddy	Brit. sh.	1809	May 24	Order		
Leucadia	8 h	Mearns	Brit. sh.	896	April 12	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Livingstone	4 k	Maack	Ger. bqe.	530	May 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Lotterer	3 h	...	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Co.		
Lydia	4 k	Youngson	Brit. bqe.	376	May 19	Order		
Madura	3 c	Stanton	Brit. sh.	970	May 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Michelle Seichau	4 c	Gerstenberg	Brit. bqe.	447	May 24	Order		
New Era	3 c	Sawyer	Brit. sh.	1060	April 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Novelty	4 c	Colliver	Brit. bqe.	375	May 17	Rozario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Prosto	4 c	Laidman	Brit. bqe.	384	May 17	Master		
Rhode	4 c	Vincent	Brit. bqe.	252	May 24	Chinese		
Rosa Botcher	3 k	Schulze	Ger. bqe.	393	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Rosina	8 c	Hansen	Am. Sm. sc.	406	Feb. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rotterdam	3 k	Dik	Dut. bqe.	760	May 25	Melchers & Co.		
San Lorenzo	4 c	Madareaga	Span. bg.	220	May 23	Remedios & Co.		
Strathbro	8 c	Miller	Brit. bqe.	1159	May 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Tenksbury L. Sweet	8 c	Griffin	Amer. bqe.	560	May 7	Meyer & Co.		
Thomas Lord	3 c	Hall	Amer. sh.	1316	April 12	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Tullochgorum	...	Mason	Brit. Sm. sc.	175	April 20	Wieler & Co.	Haiphong	Jardine's Slip
Victory	4 k	Whiting	Brit. bg.	255	May 21	Chinese		
Villa de Rivadavia	4 c	Carmus	Span. bg.	261	April 23	Brandao & Co.	Manila	Cleared
Western Chief	8 h	Hower	Brit. sh.	750	May 26	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
WHAMPOA								
Christian	...	Stebr	Ger. Sm. sc.	282	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Emma	...	Gran	Ger. bqe.	340	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Cape St. James	
Vesta	...	Dirks	Ger. bqe.	302	May 8	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Amoy	...	Drewen	Brit. str.	814	May 27	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Bombay	...	Smith	Brit. str.	749	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.		

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashuelot	5 c	American	corvette	1037	6	700	May 18	Geo. H. Perkins
Charybdis	6 c	British	corvette	1606	17	400	April 5	T. E. Smith
Curlew	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	3	163	May 4	E. J. Church
Hart	6 h	British	gun vessel	465	4	120	May 6	H. N. Hood
Juno	6 c	British	corvette	1462	8	400	May 16	A. H. Boldero
Mecanee	6 k	British	military hospital	2591	...	...	...	...
Modeste	6 c	British	corvette	1405	14	350	April 13	Alex. Buller, C.B.
Patino	K.D.	Spanish	transport	1200	...	...	Feb. 23	Expelle
Victor Emanuel	6 c	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	2	...	...	Commodore Watson

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.
Fame	117	Stopani	H. & W'pca Dock Co.
Pei Wan	700	Martin	Capt. Sands
Tehang	457	Oary	Butterfield and Swire
Kin Shan	617	Benning, T.	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Kiu Kiang	69	...	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Linton	1890	Lefevre	Kwok Acheong
Powan	37	...	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Sinda	101	Hawkins	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	140	Hoyland	Kwok Acheong
Spark	280	Benning, A.	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.
White Cloud	180	Browne	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Yotsai	...	...	Kwok Acheong

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON WATERS, &c.

Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
An-lan	431	7	...	J. Godall
Chen-jui	23	1	...	E. F. Collins
Ching-po	150	...	...	Wan Lum Wan
Ching-sing	...	...	...	E. Choy
Chun-hai	230	6	...	...
Peng-chou-hai	600	5	400	A. Fry
Quong-on	180	3	60	Li Ping Tye
Shen-chi	150	5	...	H. Wade
Sul-taing	...	...	...	Stewart
Tehing-taing	150	6	60	Seesard
Tien-po	150	6	...	C. De Longueville
Wing-po	600	3	150	Lam Man Wo

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

May 19, 1877.	
Flours Castle	for London
Glenearn	for London
Lady Bowen	for Shanghai
*Narnoa	for Hongkong
*Olympia	for Hongkong
Wm. Manson	British barque

SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

May 19, 1877.	
Ajax	British
Applin	British
Aya	French

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

*China	German
Ohn-so	Chinese
Fanyarea	Chinese
Glenfinlas	Chinese
Gwallor	British
H. O. Orsted	British
Hankwang	Chinese
Hochung	Chinese
Honan	Chinese
Howsang	Chinese
Kiang-Kwan	Chinese
Kiang-wae	Chinese
*Mokong	French
Nanking	American

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Sokol	Russian gunboat

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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.
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Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Mails.



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Also,
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For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 23, 1877. je2

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ON SATURDAY, the 9th June, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. A. P. A. Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPEDIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Spedie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping orders will be granted till noon, 4 p.m., Spedie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th June, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 26, 1877. je9

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 23, 1877. je15

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HONGKONG, MAY 28, 1877.

Intimations.

COMMENCING with the "GWALIOR" leaving Hongkong on the 2nd June, and until further notice, the Company's Mail Steamers from China will proceed to London via Suez, Canal, calling at Southampton to land Passengers and Mails.
ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 14, 1877. je8

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,
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H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
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Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

NOTICE.
THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

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For terms, &c., address
MR CHUN AYIN,
Manager.
China Mail Office,
17th February, 1874.

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COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr AYIN has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 87, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. md9

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Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

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SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—
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The above are some of the Agents; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and *Peking Gazette*, to circulate the *Chinese Mail* in the interior of China.
Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

Intimations.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTICE.
WE, the Undersigned, beg to inform the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that the Charter of our Steam-launch *OUM SING* (plying between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-sa-choi), by Mr Buxoo, will expire on the 30th instant, after which date the said Launch will ply on the same route on our own account; having no connection whatever with the late Charterer.
The Fare will be as usual until further notice.
WING KEE & Co.,
Praya Central.
Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my80

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China Mail Office,
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CHUN AYIN,
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Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy. 160 150

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" Steak, 160 150

Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50

" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250

" " corned, 320 300

" Head, 600 500

" Heart, 150 140

" Hump, Salt, 110 100

" Feet, 50 40

" Kidneys, 60 50

" Tail, 100 90

" Liver, catty 80 60

" Tripe (undressed), catty 60 40

Calves' Head and Feet, set 600 400

Hams, American, lb. 300 280

" Chinese, 180 170

" English, 380 340

Mutton Chop, 190 180

" Leg, 190 180

" Shoulder, 140 130

" Liver, 130 120

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 100 90

" Fry, 110 100

" Head, 90 80

" Heart, 60 50

" Kidneys, 80 70

" Liver, lb. 100 80

Pork, Chop, catty 150 140

" Corned, 130 120

" Leg, 150 140

" Fat or Lard, 110 100

Sheep's Head and Feet, set 34 320

" Heart, each 5 40

" Kidneys, 80 70

Sticking Pig, 1750 1003

Veal, catty 140 120

Poultry.

Capon, catty 250 220

Ducks, catty 120 110

Eggs, Hen, doz. 100 —

" Duck, 100 —

" Salt, 120 —

Fowls, catty 180 160

Geese, 120 110

Partridges, each 350 300

Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$1.50 —

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Rabbits, 800 500

Teal, 350 300

Turkeys, Cook, catty 900 700

" Hen, 500 450

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Bream, catty 80 70

Carp, 80 70

Codfish, Salt, lb. 160 150

Crabs, catty 250 140

Cuttle Fish, 80 70

Dace, 100 90

Eels, Congor, 80 60

File Fish, 80 60

Fresh Fish, Large, 130 120

" Small, 90 80

Frogs, 200 160

Garoupa, 180 160

Herrings, 100 80

" smoked, box \$1.00 —

Live Fish, catty 140 120

Lobsters, 140 130

Mackerel, 70 60

Mango Fish, 160 —

Mullet, 100 90

Oysters, 140 130

Parrot Fish, 140 130

Perch, 80 70

Pomfret, 200 190

" Black, 100 90

Prawns, 240 160

Ray, 80 70

Rock Fish, 100 90

Salmon, Canton, 100 90